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St. John's Episcopal Church

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care met September 2, 2009 in the Canterbury Room. Margaret offered us our opening prayer.

After keeping in touch with one another during the summer, we met as a group for a busy discussion. There were a number of people and issues for our concern.

A September 20th pot luck will start off the Sunday School with our own Rev. Naomi.

Sease Carriker will be quest preacher on that Sunday. And with Jennifer overseeing the Sunday School, she will be aided by Adele, Beth, and Kate making for a good year.

Betsy Arnold
Tim Eberhardt
Mary Ellen Bean
Ellie Streeter
Ginny Cantlin
Pat Mayer
Margaret Egerton

Rector's Message

Dear People of St. John's,

If you are thinking ahead to fall, think young! This year we will begin our Sunday School program on September 20 as we move back to a 10:00 am schedule with an outdoor Eucharist for all ages - weather permitting of course, but fun either way!

As most of you have seen too, our Sunday School has blossomed under the caring oversight of Jennifer Curtin. Now that ministry will be shared in a team approach with Beth Osha, Kate Kennedy, and Adele Smith joining us as each takes a block of teaching time under Jennifer's guidance. Sunday School will also be assisted by teenager Glendolyn Pelletier. As with Naomi Sease and Jennifer Sparadeo on years past, the Vestry has agreed to offer Glendolyn \$15 per Sunday. (If anyone would like to help with funding this wonderful investment, your special contribution would be welcome).

Each Sunday (as in days of yore), we will start Sunday School with a special children's liturgy in the Parish Hall at 9:45 so that the children have had a chance to worship with their priest before coming in for Communion. Also we have decided to make every fourth Sunday of the month an all-ages Sunday where the children can join in our "big church" worship and be a full part of everything from leading the prayers to ushering and donations! (That will be a nice challenge for "the Reverend" to come up with a children's sermon and maybe think young himself!)

So this year let's all think young. This place is alive and

well. We haven't seen anything yet.

Rejoicing in Christ,

Timothy Eberhardt

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